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### NEWFANE.

#### Nature Writer a Summer Guest.

Among the summer visitors at J. F. Whitaker's, Grand View farm, is Jean M. Thompson of New York, author of several well-known nature books and magazine writer. Mrs. Thompson has visited Vermont the past 10 years, gathering much inspiration and material for her nature work among the Green mountains. Water Wonders is said to be the only book covering the snow and frost crystals, and is recognized in Europe and America as authority on these subjects. To illustrate this book the wonderful microphotographs of Prof. Bentley of Jericho, Vermont, whose work for the government is well-known, were used. Mrs. Thompson's new book, Over Indian and Animal Trails, soon to appear, was largely written around material collected by her in northern Vermont.

#### William Sibley is ill.

Paul Ryder is helping J. F. Whitaker during his illness.

Rev. Paul Hayne returned to his summer home here Monday.

Bert Rhoades and family made a trip to Athol, Mass., Sunday.

Mrs. Moses Grant and son spent Sunday with her parents in Townsend.

Several automobiles from this place went over the Mohawk Trail Sunday.

Miss Ann Hubbard of Boston has come to Mrs. J. F. Whitaker's to spend the summer.

L. H. Higgins and family visited Claude Maher and family in Wilmington Tuesday.

Mrs. Wilder and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting Mrs. Kennon at the home of Herman Eddy.

Walter Rowe and Ver Parker of Ludlow were married by Rev. F. M. Wiswall Monday evening.

George Bush and family were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bush to Springfield, Mass., Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Eames returned to Brattleboro Wednesday, after spending a few days with Mrs. Viola Chase.

Mrs. Charles Ballou and family of Saratoga, N. Y., are visiting at Mrs. Ballou's old home, L. M. Randall's.

Mr. and Miss Owen, who boarded some time at Mrs. William Rand's, have gone to enjoy other parts of New England.

Lawrence Tibbets is assisting in W. P. Eames' store during the absence of L. H. Higgins, who is enjoying a well-earned vacation.

Robert Pratt will return to his work in Boston Saturday, after spending his vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Goodnow.

Rev. Harrison of Maine preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning and evening. Rev. F. M. Wiswall will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

Helen Bliss and A. R. Underwood are again, after an attack of mumps, Miss Jennie Underwood, Mrs. J. M. Kenny and Mrs. William Henry Newton are the latest victims.

Prof. George K. Cherrie was accompanied by Mrs. Cherrie, Mrs. Lewis Bills and Mrs. A. H. Farnum to Putney Tuesday evening, where he gave a lecture to a good sized audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheeler and their son, Richard, and daughter, Miss Ruth, with a party of friends motored from Mountain Mills Sunday, calling on relatives in Williamsville and Newfane.

A very interesting cast will present The Old Maid's Club in Union hall next week Friday evening, Aug. 10. The proceeds of this entertainment will go for a new floor for Union hall. Ice cream will be for sale after the play.

A party consisting of Mr. and Miss Owen, William Newton, Elsie Newton, Mrs. Martin, Norman Marten and Stella Micoet went on an automobile trip to Winchendon Monday, where they visited Cobb's Rock and Hamilton Falls, returning by way of Grafton.

The program for the next Grange meeting, Aug. 8, will be a bird meeting. There will be music and recitations appropriate for the subject, and Prof. George K. Cherrie will give a short talk about birds in this locality. The meeting August 22 will be children's night.

A meeting of Red Cross workers will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Aug. 3, in the church vestry. Work will be provided for all who come. Donations of old linen-table cloths for hospital napkins and tray cloths, old cotton cloth, both white and light colored, which can be used for fracture pillows and comfort pillows will be very acceptable. Anyone wishing to become a member of Red Cross may do so by leaving name and membership fee of \$1 with W. H. Newton or Mrs. F. A. De Witt.

### WEST DOVER.

Roy Capen of Wilmington was at his place here Sunday.

Miss Julia Thatcher went to her home in Florida, Mass., Monday morning for a few weeks' stay.

E. L. Pike of Wardboro came Sunday to get Mrs. Carrie Moulton, who had been at J. K. Atwood's, to work for him.

Last Sunday was Mr. Cole's last Sunday to hold services at the church here for the present. As yet it is undecided whether there will be services next Sunday.

One day last week D. M. Hale and his gang of mill help, together with some guests, motored to Stratton, where they remained over night for a fishing trip.

Mrs. Mary Nido of Wilmington accompanied her son, Guy, of Putney and his friend from Marlboro on an automobile trip to this place to visit Mrs. Nido's cousin, Mrs. W. M. Harris, recently.

Mrs. A. D. Fessenden of Brattleboro, with her niece, Mrs. Cora McLaughlin, and daughter, Rebecca, of Baltimore, Md., were callers at Mrs. Ellen Bogle's Monday. Mrs. McLaughlin had not visited here for 23 years.

Monday and Tuesday were the hottest days of the season here thus far. Both days the thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade, on Tuesday remaining at that point about four hours. Hay makers are doing some work these days.

### TOWNSHEND.

Harold Franklin is driving an Overland car which he recently bought.

Mrs. H. F. Dutton of Gainesville, Fla., came last week to her summer home in Harmonyville.

Charles Austin and daughter, Mrs. Guy Austin of Saxtons River, who with her two children had been visiting here, started Thursday to New York for a visit with relatives.

John Dale of Springfield, Mass., who with two friends is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. V. Dale at their summer home here, has been drawn to serve in the United States army.

The mercury rose still higher Wednesday than the previous days, being reported at 99 and even over 100 in the shade in the village streets. Rain is needed badly in most gardens.

At the union open air service Sunday Rev. R. H. Bosworth spoke in continuation of some of the thoughts brought out in the addresses of the previous Sunday. A pleasing duet was given by Miss Margaret Mills, soprano, and M. Park Osgood, tenor, entitled Drifting.

A large congregation was present. The Red Cross sewing meeting was held under the shade trees on the north side of the town hall Wednesday. Owing to the intense heat and the fact that the date fell on the regular meeting of another women's society only a small number were present. The thought that the boys in khaki had even worse weather conditions to endure proved a spur to lagging energy and considerable work was accomplished.

The regular meeting of the Dorcas guild was held in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon. Articles were finished and plans were made for the annual fair on the village park Aug. 14. The general committee for the day includes Mrs. G. B. Whitney, Mrs. C. C. Robinson, Mrs. R. L. Fitch. The sale of aprons, ice cream, etc., will begin at 4 o'clock and a lawn party will be held on the park in the evening with entertainment.

### WILLIAMSVILLE.

Miss Helen Lewis went Thursday to Jamaica to visit.

Lewis Whitaker, who had been working in Sudfield, Conn., has returned.

Mrs. G. C. Wilcox of Newfane was a guest over Sunday of Mrs. E. H. Richardson.

Mrs. Mary Ingram and daughter, Thelma, are visiting a few days in Wardboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bowker of Syracuse, N. Y., are guests of Mrs. Bowker's mother, Mrs. N. B. Perry.

Miss Lottie Pierce had an operation performed on her throat in the Brattleboro Memorial hospital Saturday.

Mrs. John Waite and two daughters of Albany, N. Y., have been guests this week of her aunt, Mrs. A. N. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Freyenhagen and son, Clinton, of Brattleboro are spending the week with his father, H. R. Freyenhagen.

H. A. Williams, W. H. Temple and Rev. A. S. Charlton are the committee in charge of the program for gentlemen's night in the Grange.

Mrs. F. J. Fairbanks and daughters, Marion and Elizabeth, have been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Merrifield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wheeler and son, Richard, and daughter, Ruth, came from Mountain Mills with a party of friends and spent Sunday at George Bishop's.

Mrs. Annie Shellhammer and friend, Miss Harriette Hardy, came Sunday from New York to spend their vacation with Mrs. Shellhammer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Willard accompanied her sister, Mrs. Hattie Elliott, and son, Harold, to Northfield Sunday, making the trip by automobile. Mrs. Elliott and Harold had been visiting her father, E. R. Willard, two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Willard returned Thursday.

### EAST DUMMERSTON.

The Camp Fire girls met with Miss Ruby Wilder Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Mack of Brattleboro was a guest Monday of Miss Edith Walker.

Mrs. Willard Tower is being cared for in the home of Mrs. Ada Hall in Brattleboro.

Mrs. Robert E. Walker and daughter, Doris, of Springfield, Mass., were weekend guests at the Walker farm.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson and daughter, Margaret, of South Vernon came Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Spaulding.

G. N. Kelley, Miss Mary Kiley of Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Katharine Dempsey of Roxbury, Mass., spent Tuesday in Greenfield.

Miss Louise Reed, who had been a guest at Log Cabin farm six weeks, went to Greenfield Tuesday to visit her niece, Mrs. M. J. Benjamin.

There will be a dance in Grange hall Tuesday evening, Aug. 7. Supper will be served. Lyman's orchestra of Hinsdale, N. H., will furnish music.

### DUMMERSTON.

The Red Cross held a successful meeting Wednesday.

The Grange will give a dance in Grange hall Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warden of Springfield (Vt.), is visiting at Elmwood.

The next meeting of Evening Star Grange will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Mrs. Dwight Johnson has returned from visiting her son in Greenfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Worden held a family picnic in honor of their anniversary Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sargent gave a picnic to Protective Grange and invited guests Tuesday evening at their summer residence in East Dummerston. About 75 were present.

### SOUTH HALIFAX.

Miss Agnes Harris spent the week in Shelburne Falls.

D. E. Harris is harvesting the hay on the C. F. Clark place.

Mr. McElroy of Springfield, Mass., is with his family on Pannell hill this week.

Miss Minnie Riley and Miss Anna Fay are guests of Mrs. Nellie Barry for two weeks.

### HINSDALE, N. H.

#### Miss Agnes Detour Married.

A marriage of interest to Hinsdale people occurred July 24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when Miss Agnes G. Detour became the wife of G. Frank Burth of that city.

Mrs. Burth is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Detour of this town and was very popular during her stay here. She attended the public schools and was in the high school class of 1901. She then attended a business college in Springfield, Mass. After spending a short time in commercial work she entered the McLean hospital in Waverly, Mass., for a course of training in nursing, a work in which she has become very efficient and successful. She served in Bellevue hospital in New York city and the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, receiving diplomas from all three hospitals. She ranked high in civil service examinations and received an appointment in a government hospital at Colon, Panama, where she remained two years. For the past year her work has been in Great Falls, Montana.

Mr. Burth is a graduate of the Superior, Wis., normal school and after teaching several years entered the employment of the Interstate Oil Co., of which he is now sales manager.

Arthur Provost is visiting his mother in Springfield, Mass.

Peter Stone and son, Almazza Stone, of Claremont are visiting relatives in town.

Joseph Donette of Bennington, Vt., is spending two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Donette.

Not much news has been received here from the soldiers here since their departure except that all are well and busily engaged in preparing the camp site at Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Octave Bellevue are enjoying an automobile trip with relatives this week to Manchester, Lowell and Lawrence. Miss Albena Bellevue accompanied them to Manchester.

### WESTMINSTER.

Walter Wright is spending the week in Walpole.

Miss Viola Fenton spent the past week in Northfield.

Miss Gertrude Lober returned to New York city Sunday.

There will be a Sunday school picnic next week Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Stevens has gone to Boston for medical treatment.

Miss Sarah Rice is visiting her grand mother, Mrs. Charles Rice.

Mrs. Martha Rostrum has returned to her home in Corum, N. Y.

Miss Charlotte Lober and A. L. Lober spent Sunday at Fort Ethel Allen.

George Hill has gone to Springfield (Vt.), where he has gone into business.

Miss Fida Thomas of Guilford has been spending a week at Archie Willis's.

Miss Bertie Kathman and Miss Katherine Howe of Putney visited friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Irvin of Arlington, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Twitchell.

Mrs. William O'Brien and two children of Chelsea, Mass., are guests at Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wright's.

Marty Beam of Company E, Fort Ethan Allen, was a Sunday guest of his aunt, Mrs. Herbert Hill.

E. C. Chapin of Holyoke, Mass., is spending a few days with Mrs. Chapin at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Farr of Bellows Falls were guests over Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farr.

Mrs. Charles Fuller and three children left this week Thursday for Easton, Pa., where they will join Mr. Fuller for their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Walker and Miss Eva Larkin spent Tuesday in Greenfield, Mass., on their return from Myrtle Beach, S. C.

On their return from Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mrs. Walker and daughter, Myrtle, returned for a few days' visit at Mr. and Mrs. Walker's.

The card party given last week Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. P. Holmes for the benefit of the Rocking-ham hospital was well attended and much enjoyed. The highest number in bridge, which was reached by Mrs. Charles Beck of Boston, Mrs. Melvin Ramsey of Walpole, N. H., scored the highest number in five hundred. Interesting remarks were made in regard to the work accomplished and needs of the hospital by Mrs. Fred Rabbitt and Mrs. Fred Perry of Bellows Falls. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Holmes by the hospital committee for opening her house to such a worthy cause.

### SOUTH LONDONDERRY.

A. B. Jackson of Burlington came Tuesday to join his family here.

H. H. Bostwick lost a valuable cow last week, it being struck by lightning.

Mrs. F. H. Tyler is confined to the house with trouble in one of her eyes.

Wesley Chase is critically ill with heart trouble. A. W. Clayton is not as well.

Albert Briggs and two children of Leominster, Mass., are guests at Bert Fuller's.

Mrs. C. H. Thornton of New York came Saturday to spend her vacation with friends in town.

Olive Phelps is in the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington recovering from a successful operation for appendicitis.

Dr. Fielding, Mrs. Ida Godfrey and Mrs. Frances Rogers of Glens Falls spent Sunday with the Fielding family.

### WILMINGTON.

Red Cross Benefit Aug. 3.

There will be a dance in Memorial hall Friday evening, Aug. 3, under the auspices of the finance committee of the Red Cross. Music will be furnished by an orchestra from North Adams. The dance is to be preceded by a short play from 8 to 9. Punch will be on sale throughout the evening. It is very much hoped there will be a large attendance. There will be a variety of dances, both old and new, to suit various tastes. The proceeds are to be made up by the local Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bellows and their daughter, Louise, left Thursday morning for East Barre to visit their son, Forrest.

## GAME FISHING

By DIXIE CARROLL  
Author of LAKE and STREAM GAME FISHING

### ON FISHING THE DRY-FLY.

My Dear Buck:

Without a doubt, old scout, learning to cast the dry or floating fly is the post-graduate study in the fine art of fishing and there is more real enjoyment in coaxing the wise old trout into the creel by this method than any other angle of the sport. All the knowledge you have gained through study of the habits of the trout in your wet fly-casting stand you well as a beginner at this end of the game.

Most of our trout fishing is on streams in the woods or wilderness where the waters alternate between rapids and smooth spots, waterfall and deep pool, shallows or riffles, and one could follow a stream all day without jumping a trout on the rise for food, and if he were fishing in the orthodox English way, bacon fried to a crisp would about make up his evening meal, which accounts for the fact that we have changed the dope a bit and fish the dry-fly more as a floating fly without the added effort of tossing the feathers into the mouth of the waiting trout and tickling him to death.

On a very civilized stream that has been fished to a fare-you-well by all manner of fishermen, where the trout have wised up to tricks of the game, the dry-fly will get a rise when the wet-fly would merely cause a wink of the weather eye.

In casting the dry-fly the fisherman works upstream, casting slightly across the current, so that the floating fly will ride down with the current, and a very essential detail is to cast lightly and accurately, while it is not necessary to cast as long a line as in wet-fly casting. The whole game is to have the fly float down as naturally as possible, and it requires considerable skill in the handling of the rod and the reeling in of slack to keep the fly from being pulled under the water by the weight of a slack line or through some other rough work of the caster.

### Horizontal Cast the Best.

Wherever possible, the horizontal cast should be used in preference to the overhead cast, as the fly is more likely to land right side up with the wings cocked, although more accuracy and distance are obtained by the overhead, which is not as essential in dry-fly casting as to have the fly ride the water in a natural manner. As a general thing the fly lights on the water on its side when the overhead cast is used, and although a trout will rise to a floating fly in this position, the chances are greater for a rise when the fly lies on the water in the position naturally taken by a live insect with its wings fluttering above the water in its effort to rise from the surface.

In casting a smooth stretch of water there is little if any drag of the line, and the fly will float in an upright position if cast skillfully.

The early season when the water is high and discolored by flooded conditions the trout are bottom or mid-water feeding, and at this time the dry-fly is of little use on the streams. As soon as the air warms up a bit and the insect life has developed on the streams and the water clears with the temperature rising steadily, the floating fly is a sure winner. From the middle of May to the end of the season the conditions grow more favorable to the dry-fly, and on low, clear water at the tail end of the season it is by far the most effective lure.

On any water that is not broken by rapids or riffles, the dry-fly can be used to advantage, and even on waters that are swift and rapid it will be found effective.

One of the main points in casting the dry-fly is to study the currents, as one of the greatest little old links to the successful use of the dry-fly is the drag caused by the fly falling on water moving at a speed different from that of the water on which the line falls. Select your casting position where the fly and line will light on water of the same speed, so that the fly will not be dragged by the drag of the line. Another point that will make your dry-fly work better at the start is to avoid raising the tip of the rod as the fly falls on the water, and this is a small point at that the wet-fly fisherman has a tendency to overlook through habit acquired in casting the wet feathers. To raise the rod at this time will pull the dry fly under water. At the same time the beginner should never strip in the line until the fly has started downstream with the current. If you find it necessary to cast on waters of different speed to the current, cast a slack line, and if the fly lights on water moving slower than that on which the line rests there will be no drag on the fly until the slack line has floated downstream. Make a study of the stream and the trout and use all your skill and you will find much pleasure in floating the dry-fly.

DIXIE.

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